

**REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

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WATER CONDITIONS

During February, the Northern Sierra 8-Station Index gained 7.8" of rainfall, which is 98% of the month's average. The seasonal total to date for the 8-stations is now 56.0", which is 154% of the seasonal normal and 112% of a normal Water Year (50"). (Last year at this time, the 8-Stations had 34.2", or 94% of the seasonal normal.)

Summary of Water Conditions in California, March 1, 2006 (percent of average)

Hydrologic Region	Precip Oct 1- date	Snow Water Content	Reservoir Storage 28-Feb	Oct 1- date	Runoff Apr thru Jul Forecast	Water Year Forecast
North Coast	145	105	110	175	105	120
San Francisco Bay	135	--	105	130	--	--
Central Coast	95	--	125	65	--	--
South Coast	45	--	100	65	--	--
Sacramento River	135	60	120	160	95	120
San Joaquin River	110	95	130	145	105	110
Tulare Lake	90	90	130	100	90	90
North Lahontan	150	90	120	200	115	125
South Lahontan	80	135	115	95	125	120
Colorado River	50	--	--	--	--	--
Statewide	120	85	120	160	100	115
Last Year, Statewide						
March 1, 2005	140	135	100	65	105	90

Selected Cities Precipitation Accumulation as of 3/05/2006

	Jul 1 to Date 2005 - 2005 (in inches)	% Avg	Jul 1 to Date 2004 - 2004 (in inches)	% Avg	% Avg Jul 1 to Jun 30 2005 - 2006
Eureka	44.84	158	27.16	96	117
Redding	33.20	135	26.22	107	99
Sacramento	16.25	106	18.99	124	81
San Jose	12.35	109	17.91	158	81
Fresno	6.65	83	11.55	143	59
Bakersfield	2.89	64	7.17	159	44
Los Angeles	7.58	66	34.51	302	50
San Diego	2.46	31	21.06	268	22

Key Reservoir Storage (1,000 AF) as of 3/05/2006 midnight

Reservoir	River	Storage	Avg Storage	% Average	Capacity	% Capacity	Flood Control Encroachment	Total Space Available
Trinity Lake	Trinity	2,017	1,870	108	2,448	82	---	431
Shasta Lake	Sacramento	3,935	3,399	116	4,552	86	253	617
Lake Oroville	Feather	2,876	2,604	110	3,538	81	88	662
New Bullards Bar Res	Yuba	745	626	119	966	77	-51	221
Folsom Lake	American	522	560	93	977	53	136	455
New Melones Res	Stanislaus	2,027	1,417	143	2,420	84	57	393
Don Pedro Res	Tuolumne	1,660	1,420	117	2,030	82	-30	370
Lake McClure	Merced	694	539	129	1,025	68	20	331
Millerton Lake	San Joaquin	408	342	119	520	79	-37	112
Pine Flat Res	Kings	741	551	134	1,000	74	-93	259
Isabella	Kern	256	175	146	568	45	-16	312
San Luis Res	(Offstream)	2,019	1,765	114	2,039	99	---	20

The latest National Weather Service, Climate Prediction Center, long-range weather forecast maps for March, issued February 28, suggest above average precipitation for all of California and the Pacific Northwest. Temperatures are forecast to be below normal for most of the Pacific Northwest and almost all of California, except for the southeastern portion of the State.

EMERGENCY ACTIVITIES IN THE DELTA

Bradford Island, RD 2059, San Joaquin River & Fisherman's Cut (Contra Costa County)

The waterside erosion repair work on Bradford is complete. Dutra placed 12,000 tons of rock at multiple locations. The cost to the District is \$550,000.00. The State share (Special Projects) is \$450,000. The District will apply to OES for funding or claim the remaining \$100,000 in a subventions claim.

Webb Tract, RD 2026, Telephone Cut (Contra Costa County)

WebbTract expended approximately \$287,000 on flood fight and immediate repair work that was completed by 10 January 2006. The District is going out to bid (\$150,000) to import additional rock for waterside work. They have not yet finalized plans and specs, nor have they obtained permits, for this upcoming damage repair. Special Projects will pay a maximum of \$300,000 through a Work Agreement. The District believes the levee work associated with the emergency is approximately 70% complete.

Jersey Island, RD 830, San Joaquin River (Contra Costa County)

Jersey Island has completed rock placement along the San Joaquin River. Dutra placed roughly 10,000 tons of ¼ ton rock. To date, the District has expended approximately \$415,000 which is more than their Special Project Work Agreement of \$375,000. Jersey Island will apply to OES for emergency funds. The district has some additional emergency repair work to complete that will be funded from other sources.

Twitchell Island, RD 1601 (Sacramento County)

The Levee crown was cleaned and long-reach excavators pulled up rock to rebuild the splash cap immediately during and after the storm. The work to pull fallen riprap from the river, to add and compact fill on the top and back side of the levee, and to repair the levee road has been completed. One day of dress up work awaits a break in the weather. The entire \$457,000 of the work agreement was used to complete the job.

Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District (Contra Costa County)

BIMID completed initial levee and levee road repairs immediately following the storm and has now added riprap to lightly armored levee sections to the funding limit of the work agreement (\$466,000 total - \$350,000 DWR share (75%)). BIMID plans to request an amendment to another, nearly completed work agreement, to allow it to use any unspent funds for placement of riprap on additional portions of its north side levee.

Sherman Island, RD 341 (Sacramento County)

Sherman Island expended approximately \$160,000 for rock work at various locations along the San Joaquin River, Sacramento River, and Three-Mile Slough reaches as part of the initial flood fight work. A separate contract was awarded to Dutra to place 10,000 tons of rock for splash cap work on the San Joaquin, and additional work to cover other areas. An existing Work Agreement was amended to allow RD 341 to expend \$350,000 (100% State cost share) of that agreement on emergency repairs. The work has entailed debris cleanup, the emergency itself (including flood fighting) and initial permanent restoration work throughout the district. DWR accompanied the district engineer to get a progress update on March 1, 2006. There are roughly 90 small sites along the levees that require additional rock. The district engineer estimates are for 4,600 tons of rip-rap at \$30.00 per ton, or \$138,000.00.

Hotchkiss Tract, RD 799 (Contra Costa County)

RD 799 repaired rip rap, roads, levee crown, erosion sites, sinkholes and collapsed beaver dens at numerous levee stations in the district. This work was undertaken during and immediately after the storm and is complete. The District expended approximately \$200,000 of which \$150,000 will be paid through Special Projects (75% cost share.) An existing Work Agreement was amended to provide the District with emergency funding.

Suisun Marsh Incidents (Multiple Locations)

The Delta-Suisun Marsh Office has been assigned to coordinate with local agencies for addressing multiple levee breeches and overtopping on Van Sickle and Simmons-Wheeler islands.

Van Sickle Island, RD 1607 Sacramento River and Honker Bay (Solano County)

Dutra Construction placed 1500 tons of rock at the Concord Club break on RD 1607 (Van Sickle.) The break was plugged and dredge material from Montezuma Slough was placed on the levee to replace the material that was washed away. This work is complete. The damage along the

Sacramento River is under repair. The storm debris was removed from the levee. A large barge mounted excavator is placing dredged material on the levee to rebuild it. The work is nearly completed along the Sacramento River levee on Van Sickle Island. Expected completion date is March 10. Recent storms caused some seepage at the Concord Club but did not wash out the levee. Total cost to the Department will be \$250,000 (75% cost share). These costs will be split between Special Projects and the State Water Project on a 50:50 basis.

Simmons-Wheeler RD 2127, Suisun Bay (Solano County)

The emergency repair of the levees along the exterior levee of RD 2127 (Simmons/Wheeler) is complete. Simmons/Wheeler RD contracted for a long reach excavator from Wetlands Construction to repair their levee along its entire length. The individual club owners repaired their respective interior levees. This work is now complete. Total cost to the Department will be \$100,000 (75% cost share). These costs will be split between Special Projects and the SWP on a 50:50 basis. Recent storms did not cause any breakouts.

Honker Bay, RD 2130 (Solano County)

The emergency repair of the levees along the exterior levee of Honker Bay, RD 2130 is complete. The individual club owners repaired their respective interior levees. This work is also complete. Honker Bay RD contracted with Salt River construction to place rock in the three breaks in their levee. About 1500 tons of rock was placed by a barge mounted crane with a clam shell bucket. Material was then dredged to supplement the rock and to repair the levee. (Material was dredged to repair the levee where it was accessible from the water.) Total cost to the Department will be \$150,000 (80% cost share). The costs will be split between Special Projects and O&M on a 50:50 basis.

Recent storms (2/26) caused wind driven waves to wash out the levee in one location, causing a 25 foot break. Water is flowing into the island and if not stopped will impact Van Sickle Island. Chris Lanzafame, Van Sickle Island has called and expressed his concern over the breach. Mark Fortner is in discussion with Dutra to obtain their dredge to repair the break. Honker Bay has spent about \$130,000 of the \$150,000 in their Work Agreement HB-06-1.0, which gives the district enough money, if rock is not required, to close the breach. Work will start on repair of the break as soon as equipment can be brought in.

FLOOD PROJECT INSPECTION AND SYSTEM INTEGRITY EVALUATIONS

Flood Project Inspection and Integrity Evaluations

Under Section 208.10, Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), DWR is obligated to perform four full inspections at intervals not exceeding 90 days for levees, flood walls, drainage structures, closure structures, channels and floodways. On the average, project levees have been inspected two times a year; once in spring and once in fall. These are followed by joint DWR and local agency deficiency review meetings/inspections, making four annual inspections of the levees with maintenance deficiencies. Technically speaking, this does not precisely meet the requirements outlined in the Code. DWR also falls short on structures, pumping plants and non-levied channels which are only inspected once a year.

DWR is developing new inspection procedures that will provide for DWR to carry out two complete inspections of its own and provide technical guidance and review for two complete independent inspections by local agencies. The four inspections should include all project features and be scheduled at intervals not exceeding 90 days. Also, DWR is working on creating a mix of field inspections and engineering staff to provide engineering oversight to inspections. This will meet CFR requirements.

DWR plans to report at 90 day intervals on flood project inspection and integrity evaluations. The annual 2005 Inspection and Integrity Report is scheduled to be completed in March. This report covers information on inspections of all local maintenance areas and current status of encroachments. Newly added system integrity information that was not covered in previous reports relates to identified and repaired deficiencies in the system and how these deficiencies affect channel capacity and structural stability, critical erosion issues, and status of maintenance agencies that are not meeting maintenance standards. The report also recognizes future needs for automation of inspection procedures, improvements in deficiencies assessment methodology and risk analysis.

Corps PL84-99 Levee Rehabilitation Assistance Status

The Reclamation Board had received Corps Notice for PL84-99 levee rehabilitation assistance dated February 2, 2006 to Public Sponsors of flood control projects that sustained damages due to flooding during the period of December 28, 2005 to January 9, 2006. As a Public Sponsor, the Reclamation Board had forwarded Corps February 2, 2006 Notice to local agencies with a Board letter asking agencies to submit their requests by February 27, 2006, so that the Board can meet the deadline of March 3, 2006 for submittal to the Corps. To date DWR Inspectors have completed 38 Field Investigation Reports on damage during the December/January 2006 flood. DWR has received 27

requests for assistance and has started working on preparing paperwork on these requests for submission to Corps.

A number of Reclamation Districts expressed their concern that they will not be able to assess the full extent of damage as the Sacramento River is still high due to high reservoir releases. A request to extend March 3, 2006 submission date for PL84-99 levee rehabilitation assistance by 30 days was sent to Corps on February 24, 2006.

LEGISLATION

Significant Legislative Schedule Dates

February 24, 2006	Last day for bills to be introduced.
April 6, 2006	Spring Recess begins at the end of this day's session.
April 17, 2006	Legislature reconvenes

Legislation of Interest – March 2006

- AB 31** **(Parra) San Joaquin Valley task force.** (A-6/21/05)
This bill would, until January 1, 2011, create the Interagency Task Force for the Economic Development of the Central San Joaquin Valley, composed of the heads of specified State agencies and departments, to coordinate and improve existing State and federal efforts for the Valley, in concert with locally led efforts, in order to increase the living standards and the overall economic performance of the valley.
Location: Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee
- AB 479** **(Parra) San Joaquin Valley task force.** (I-1/4/06)
This bill would require DWR to study the economic impacts of water supply reduction in specified counties in the San Joaquin Valley, and to report its findings to the legislature on or before December 31, 2008.
Location: Senate Rules
- AB 797** **(Wolk) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.** (A-1/25/06)
This bill would amend provisions of law regarding the rescission of agricultural conservation easements, the election of officers to the Delta Protection Commission (Commission) and the number of authorized Commission members.
Location: Senate Third Reading File
- AB 798** **(Wolk) Delta levee maintenance.** (A-1/4/06)
This bill would extend the Delta Levee Maintenance Subvention Program by two years to July 1, 2008, and require DWR to identify levees that are at risk of failure based on a specified evaluation of Delta levees, and would use the results of that evaluation to determine which levees need financial aid for maintenance or

improvement projects.

Location: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

AB 802 (Wolk) Land use: water supply. (A-1/23/06)

This bill would require, beginning on or after January 1, 2007, that the safety element of a local general plan include a flood management component upon the adoption of the general plan; when there is an amendment to the conservation element; or when there is an amendment of two or more elements of the general plan. The bill would also require, on or after January 1, 2007, that revisions to a city or county general plan or amendment to the safety element, to consider assessments of both the risk to life and property from “reasonably foreseeable” flooding, and to analyze how the local infrastructure can be designed or altered to minimize the risk of flooding.

Location: Senate Local Government Committee

AB 1244 (Wolk) CALFED Bay-Delta Program. (A-1/19/06)

This bill would modify the State act to clarify the relationship of the authority and its implementing agencies with the federal government with regard to the program, and to conform the State act to the federal act, including changing the title of the program to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program; requiring State agencies to cooperate with federal agencies to meet the goals and objectives of the program; requiring State agencies to comply with the State act without respect to the cooperation of federal agencies; and removing references to federal authorizing legislation. In addition, this bill would establish a board to govern the authority, comprised of the existing representatives, members, and ex officio members of the authority; and would designate the member from the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee as a public member.

Location: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

AB 1245 (Wolk) CALFED Bay-Delta Program. (A-4/21/05)

This bill would establish in the State Treasury the California Bay-Delta Environmental Water Account (EWA) and would require the Secretary of the Resources Agency to administer the EWA, in consultation with the Director of Water Resources and the Director of Fish and Game. The bill would authorize the moneys in the account to be expended, upon appropriation, to protect delta fishery resources and improve water supply reliability in connection with the operation of the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project. The bill would authorize the Secretary to accept financial contributions on behalf of the EWA and would authorize the Secretary to accept contributions of water from any source to carry out the program. The bill would require DWR and not Resources Agency to administer the EWA, add continuous funding, and define responsibilities of DWR in administration of the EWA.

Location: Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee

AB 1665 (Laird) Flooding. (A-9/8/05)

As currently written, the bill would among other things, place additional

responsibilities on state and local agencies to provide better information regarding conditions of project levees, including deficiencies; require the state to notify the public and public agencies of potential flood risks; and provide an expeditious schedule to update the state's outdated flood maps. *Proposed amendments will seek to address issues of providing a stable funding source for operation and maintenance of levees through assessments; provide for a mandatory notice of insurance or a mandatory offer of insurance; allow DWR to establish a mitigation bank; clarify that DWR can repair levee work maintained by locals without establishing a maintenance area; and require a sharing of liability by local agencies (cities and counties) whenever a flood project is modified or when the state provides cost-sharing funds towards the project.* Sponsored by DWR.

Location: Senate Natural Resources & Water

AB 1783 (Nunez) **Infrastructure financing.** (I-1/4/06)

This is an intent bill that would place a general obligation bond on the ballot that would provide funds for emergency preparedness, affordable housing, brownfields cleanups and levee protection in the Delta. It intends to enact the California Infrastructure, Improvement, Smart Growth, Economic Reinvestment and Emergency Preparedness Financing Act of 2006. The measure intends to provide funds for restoration and improvements for the Delta, including the Delta Levee Maintenance Program.

Location: Assembly-Print

AB 1839 (Laird) **Water and Flood Bond.** (I-1/10/06)

This bill would place a general obligation bond measure before the voters in 2006 and 2010 as specified below. Known as the Flood Protection and Clean, Safe, Reliable Water Supply Bond and Financing Acts of 2006 and 2010, the bill includes a total of \$9 billion in general obligation bond dollars over the next ten years for water and flood management, with more than \$2.5 billion to help pay for flood management programs. Note: SB 1166 is a companion bill and contains the same provisions. AB 1839 will go to a two-house conference committee on infrastructure bonds. Sponsored by Governor Schwarzenegger.

Location: Assembly Print

AB 1877 (Nakanishi) **Streambed alteration agreements: levee or flood control systems: notification.** (1-1/19/06)

This bill would delete routine maintenance and operation of flood control facilities from existing notification requirements that are sent to the Department of Fish and Game for actions involving the diversion or obstruction of the natural flow of, or substantially changing or using any material from the bed, channel, or bank of any river, stream or lake.

Location: Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee

AB 1898 (Jones) **Flood Insurance.** (I-1/25/06)

Effective July 1, 2007, this bill would enact the California Flood Insurance Program and would require property owners located in levee protection/inundation zones as

determined by maps developed, or approved by DWR, to maintain flood insurance, unless the State or agency responsible for operation of the levee system protecting the property from flooding has certified that the levee system protecting the property provides at least 200-year flood protection.

Location: Assembly Insurance

AB 1899 **(Wolk) Land Use: flood protection.** (I-1/25/06)

This bill would require a city or county to include in a draft or final environmental document prepared for a development project, a flood assessment and a discussion as to whether the flood protection for the lands upon which the project is proposed to be located currently meets a specified 200-year flood protection standard. The bill would also revise the Subdivision Map Act to require a city or county to include, as a condition in any tentative map that includes a project, a requirement that a flood management agency verify to the city or county that the lands upon which the project is proposed to be located will meet a 200-year flood protection standard within five years of the date in which a final map is issued.

Location: Assembly Desk

AB 2000 **(La Malfa) Levees: unlawful entry.** (I-2/9/06)

This bill would impose a new misdemeanor crime for a person to enter unlawfully upon a levee upon which signs forbidding trespass are displayed. If the crime results in a conviction, a fine for the first offense would be \$250. A second offense would result in a \$500 fine, and each additional offense occurring within one year of a second or subsequent offense would result in a fine of \$1000.

Location: Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee

AB 2026 **(Aghazarian) Flood control.** (I-2/14/06)

In establishing and enforcing standards for the maintenance and operation of levees, the bill would require The Reclamation Board to give the highest consideration to its mission to protect the health and safety of the public, and to give due consideration to fish and wildlife, recreation and environmental factors. In addition, the bill would exempt actions undertaken by The Reclamation Board or local agencies for routine maintenance of levees from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Location: Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee

AB 2027 **(La Malfa) Flood control projects.** (I-2/14/06)

This bill would eliminate a requirement of the Delta Levee Maintenance Subventions program, which requires a no-net loss determination to be made by the Department of Fish and Game for approval of levee maintenance plans that call for the use of channels used by fisheries or wildlife habitat.

Location: Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee

AB 2162 **(Maze) Flood control and environmental restoration projects: levees: transfer.** (I-2/21/06)

This bill would prohibit DWR, The Reclamation Board, and the California Bay-Delta

Authority from allocating funds on behalf of any flood control or environmental restoration project if the project involves the transfer of the ownership of any portion of a project or nonproject levee, or any flood control facility, to a nonpublic entity.

Location: Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee

AB 2172 (Evans) St. Helena Napa River Flood Protection & Estuary Restoration Project.

(1-2/21/06)

This bill would declare legislative intent that the St. Helena Napa River Flood Protection and Estuary Restoration Project, upon federal authorization, become eligible for state bond funds that are proposed to be made available by the enactment of the Flood Protection and Clean, Safe, Reliable Water Supply Bond and Financing Act of 2006 (AB 1839 – Laird and SB 1166- Aanestad).

Location: Assembly Print

AB 2208 (Jones) Delta levee and conveyance system: water user fee. (1-2/22/06)

This bill would declare legislative intent to impose a fee on water users who benefit from the delta levee and conveyance system to fund system improvements, in accordance with the "beneficiary pays" principle.

Location: Assembly Print

AB 2500 (Laird) Project levee upgrade funds: local safety plans. (1-2/23/06)

This bill would prohibit the State from allocating or expending funds for the upgrade of a project levee that protects an urban area in which more than 10,000 people reside, unless the beneficiary city or county enters into an agreement with the department pursuant to which the city or county agrees to adopt, within 3 years, a safety plan that includes specified components.

Location: Assembly Print

AB 2518 (Houston) California Environmental Quality Act. (1-2/23/06)

This bill would exempt from CEQA an activity or approval by the Reclamation Board, the State Water Resources Control Board, or a local agency, as defined, for a project to maintain levees within the State.

Location: Assembly Print

AB 3022 (Umberg) Flood control: safety element. (1-2/24/06)

This bill would require on or after January 1, 2008, as specified, that the safety element of a city or county general plan, address flood management factors, that include, among other things, residential areas determined to be in a 100-year flood plain. This bill would also require an express, written disclosure that any subdivided lands offered for sale or lease or any residential property that is transferred, as specified, contain a statement that the property is located within a 100-year flood plain.

Location: Assembly Print

AB 3025 (La Malfa) Reclamation Board: mitigation plans. (1-2/24/06)

This bill would prohibit a mitigation plan from requiring the acquisition or designation of a total amount of land for riparian, fishery, or wildlife habitat that exceeds the total acreage of riparian, fishery or wildlife habitat adversely affected by the project.

Location: Assembly Print

AB 3050 (Jones) Flood control liability. (I-3/1/06)

This bill would provide that liability for property damage or personal injury shall rest jointly with all State and local public entities that participate in the design, construction, operation, or maintenance of a flood control project when the flood control project fails to function as intended and causes property damage or personal injury in areas historically subject to flooding. The bill would provide that the State is entitled to a right of contribution against any local public entity whose actions, or failure to act, contributes to the failure of a flood control project when that failure causes property damage or personal injury and a judgment has been entered against the State. The bill would subject a local public entity to joint liability and the State's right of contribution to the extent that the local public entity increases the State's exposure to liability for property damage by approving new development in a previously undeveloped area, as defined.

Location: Assembly Print

ACA 13 (Harman) Local government: assessments and fees or charges. (A-4/21/05)

This measure would amend Proposition 218 to provide flexibility to local governments in raising revenues for both capital improvement flood projects and operation and maintenance of flood control projects by providing a more fair voting process for the approval of new or increased flood assessments.

Location: Assembly Local Government Committee

SB 113 (Machado) California Bay-Delta Authority Act. (A-4/14/05)

This bill would require the Authority, in undertaking project review, approval, or modification, to consider the extent to which those plans or expenditures are consistent with the "beneficiary pays principle," as defined. The bill would provide that, for the purposes of implementing the act and subject to certain exceptions, State funds shall fund projects that have public benefits, non-state funds shall fund projects that have private benefits, and both project beneficiaries and the public are responsible for costs associated with a project that has both private and public benefits.

Location: Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee

SB 350 (Machado) San Joaquin River restoration and water management. (A-7/5/05)

This bill would establish the San Joaquin River Fund in the State Treasury. The bill would require the Secretary of the Resources Agency, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to expend the money in the fund for projects that (1) improve habitat and physical conditions in and along the San Joaquin River to facilitate the restoration of streamflows and native anadromous fish populations or (2) result in the acquisition of cost-effective replacement water supplies and related actions.

Location: Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee

SB 409 **(Kehoe) General plans: air quality element.** (A-5/11/05)

This bill would require that portion of the conservation element in a county general plan that includes waters to be prepared, adopted, and correlated with the land use element. This bill would additionally require the report to be prepared no later than one year from the date specified for the next revision of the housing element that occurs after January 1, 2007, as specified.

Location: Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee

SB 831 **(Machado) Flood control: Stockton Metropolitan Area Flood Control Project.** (A-4/27/05)

This bill would authorize the Reclamation Board to accept the transfer of any project works of the Stockton Metropolitan Area Flood Control Project constructed by the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency that is considered an addition or extension to the Bear Creek and Mormon Slough Projects. Prior to acceptance of the project works, the Reclamation Board, the San Joaquin Area County Flood Control Agency and its member agencies, San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the City of Stockton, and the County of San Joaquin, would be required to enter into a hold harmless and indemnification agreement.

Location: Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee

SB 1024 **(Perata) Public works and improvements: bond measure.** (A-1/26/06)

This bill, as amended January 24, 2006, would authorize an unspecified amount in general obligation bonds for a spectrum of capital improvements throughout the State such as transportation, affordable housing and other public works, including levee protection and flood control, contingent upon voter approval at the June 6, 2006 primary election. The bill would also create the Flood Control Account with an unspecified amount for the purpose of levee improvements. *Note: A prior version of bill would have provided \$1.2 billion for levee improvements, including \$200 million for flood subventions.* This bill will go to the two-house conference committee on infrastructure bonds.

Location: Assembly Desk

SB 1166 **(Aanestad) Public works and improvements: bond measure.** (I-1/10/06)

This bill would place a general obligation bond measure before the voters in 2006 and 2010 as specified below. Known as the Flood Protection and Clean, Safe, Reliable Water Supply Bond and Financing Acts of 2006 and 2010, the bill includes a total of \$9 billion in general obligation bond dollars over the next ten years for water and flood management, more than \$2.5 billion to help pay for flood management programs. *Note: AB 1839 is a companion bill and contains the same provisions.* SB 1166 will go to a two-house conference committee on infrastructure bonds. Sponsored by Governor Schwarzenegger.

SB 1251 **(Alquist) Flood and stormwater management planning.** (I-2/8/06)

This bill would require the Director of Water Resources, not later than June 30,

2007, to convene a task force, to prepare a comprehensive statewide flood and stormwater management plan, building upon the work of the previously formed California Floodplain Management Task Force. The task force would be required to prepare a plan that addresses a number of flood and stormwater management issues, including coastal floodplain management, alluvial fan floodplain management, compliance with NFIP, floodwater management, floodwater storage, urbanization of floodplains, potential impacts of climate change, stormwater management and other issues. The bill would also require the task force, not later than June 30, 2008, to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature with regard to its funding and recommendations.

Location: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

SB 1446 (Torlakson) User fees and assessments: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta flood control.

(1-2/22/06)

This bill would declare legislative intent to authorize The Reclamation Board, in consultation with DWR, to establish a "beneficiary pays system" and to collect user fees and assessments for levee maintenance and other flood control purposes in the delta.

Location: Senate Rules

SB 1527 (Aanestad) Flood control. (1-2/23/06)

This bill would require the Reclamation Board to prepare a master environmental impact report in connection with routine operation or maintenance activities, and rehabilitation and repair activities, undertaken by the Board or local agencies on behalf of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project.

Location: Senate Print

SB 1574 (Kuehl) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. (1-2/23/06)

This would require one of the principal options of an ongoing DWR study of Delta levees (DRMS and AB 1200) to be designed to reduce dependence on the Delta for water supply through greater investments in local water supplies, water use efficiency, water recycling, demand management programs, and other actions outside the Delta. The bill would also require DWR and the Department of Fish and Game, on or before July 1, 2007, to provide a draft joint report to the Independent Science Board (ISB) of the California Bay-Delta Authority, or its successor. The bill would require the ISB to provide DWR with an independent peer review of the draft report. The bill would also require DWR to revise the draft joint report to reflect the comments of the peer review in the joint report.

Location: Senate Print

SB 1647 (Kuehl) Reclamation Board. (1-2/24/06)

This bill makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law, which requires the Reclamation Board to establish and enforce standards for the maintenance and operation of flood control facilities under its jurisdiction.

Location: Senate Print

SB 1796 (Florez) Reclamation Board. (I-2/24/06)

Among other things, the bill would rename The Reclamation Board the Central Valley Flood Protection Board and would declare that The Central Valley Flood Protection Board is a State agency that is separate from DWR and would require the board to function independently of the DWR. In addition, the bill would require the board to consist of 9 members of which 7 members would be Governor's appointments, subject to Senate confirmation. The bill would require one board member to be appointed by the Senate Rules Committee and one board member to be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly both of whom would be designated as public members. Moreover, the bill would require the board, on or before January 1, 2008, to prepare and adopt a strategic flood control plan and require the board to establish and update, every 5 years, standards for levee construction, operation, and maintenance. Finally, the bill would require the board to review local and regional land use plans to ensure their compliance with flood protection and public safety standards adopted by the board and require the board to review and revise, as necessary, flood control plans adopted by local public agencies.

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